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A large, stylized graphic of the letters 'BOR' in a bold, outlined font. The letters are white with thick black outlines and are set against a dark, textured background. The 'B' and 'O' are connected, and the 'R' is separate. The overall style is reminiscent of mid-20th-century graphic design.

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Thursday- October 24th
-Midterm Week

BONG!! And theres the bell beginning the fourth round in this titanic battle between "good" and "evil". The action is fast and furious as both contestants are fresh and hungry for blood. Who are these dauntless warriors? Why John Folkreth and Drew Appleby. Who is good and who is evil? Don't ask so many questions!! Just sit back and enjoy the fight. (Rumor has it the Carbon is hoping for an eventual knock-out punch... from either side)

Dear Bob Morse,

I eagerly accept your challenge to rebut John Folkerth's original letter to the Carbon. Your personal opinion that it deserves a rebuttal is, of course, just as valid as my opinion that it does not. The reason why I did not fully rebut John's letter was because I felt that its weaknesses, mistakes, and misconceptions were quite clearly self-evident. Since this did not seem to be the case for you, I will now reply in full.

My basic disenchantment with John's letter occurred when I encountered the following two sentences: "Two areas of science that are called upon most often to answer in areas where they are incompetent are psychology and sociology. Through their misunderstanding of the nature of man and their insistence that happiness can only be found in material things they have instilled in this society a false view of reality (materialism) on a nearly unconscious level." The first sentence of this quote alerted me to the tone, but not the confusion of the second sentence. In order to communicate to you exactly what I mean, it will be necessary for me to individually examine the four basic ideas that are communicated in this sentence.

First, the "nature of man" is a philosophical problem to which psychologists do not address themselves. A determination of the solution of this problem (if, indeed, it can ever be solved) would require the universal acceptance of the definitions of various terms such as "good" (Is man basically good?) and "evil" (Or is he basically evil?). Psychologists simply do not deal with these types of value judgements for the same reasons why they do not deal with other similarly subjective terms like "truth" and "beauty". These types of terms fit much better in the realm of intuitive, philosophical speculation than in the framework of empirical, scientific investigation. As a matter of fact, in the introductory chapter of the text book that John used in my general psychology class last year, the authors make the following statement which backs up my point rather clearly: "We shall not propose a view (of the nature of) man in this book, but we wish to alert the student to the issues and to request that he keep an open mind..." (Bourne & Ekstrand, 1973, pg. 21).

Second, psychologists do not advocate that "happiness can only be found in material things." I haven't the vaguest idea where John got this idea, but I can unequivocally state that he did not pick it up in my general psychology class. I certainly wouldn't be so naive as to deny the widespread existence of this belief in the United States today, but I would blame it more on the type of advertizing techniques (e.g., Keep up with the Joneses.) that are so common today than on psychologists and sociologists.

Third, John states that "they (psychologists and sociologists) have instilled in this society a false view of reality (materialism)." This idea-as you pointed out in your letter to the Carbon last week, Bob-reflects John's basic misunderstanding of the difference between the capitalistic preoccupation with material goods and the scientific assumption of materialism that is incorporated in contemporary psychological theory. Briefly stated, this assumption is that psychological phenomena (e.g., mental illness) can be ultimately explained in terms of the structure and function (or defects in structure or malfunction) of material substance (i.e., the nervous system) rather than in terms of immaterial entities or supernatural forces. For example, psychologists have now come to the conclusion that many mental disorders are the direct result of definite abnormalities in genetic structure (e.g., mongolism, Huntington's Chorea, PKU, etc.) or clear cut and well defined environmental influences (e.g., the result of long term alcoholism or syphilitic infection) which produce abnormal behavior as a result of damaged brain tissue and the resultant malfunction of the nervous system. This type of materialistic approach to the explanation of mental illness has lead psychologists away from the medieval beliefs that demons, spirits, and/or other immaterial entities or supernatural forces cause abnormal behavior. Recall the Salem Witch Trials in which women were assumed to be possessed by the devil, and were burned at the stake in order to expel this immaterial and supernatural force from their bodies. Compared to this technique, modern psychotherapy seems to be a rather welcome, humanitarian change in the method of the treatment of mental illness.

Fourth, the last phrase of the sentence, "on a nearly unconscious level", just doesn't make sense. Even if "unconscious" is a misspelling of the word "unconscious" it still doesn't make any sense. The idea of psychologists and sociologists banding together in order to transmit large unconscious (unconscious?) doses of capitalistic materialism to the population of the United States just doesn't seem reasonable to me for at least two reasons. First, I know of no method for successfully accomplishing this task which exists at the present time, and I seriously doubt that such a method will ever be found-at least I hope not. Second, why would psychologists and sociologists want to accomplish such a task in the first place? It certainly would not benefit them in the least, and it could only prove detrimental to the population as a whole, of which they are a part.

I also found the last sentence of John's letter very disturbing for two quite different reasons. This sentence was: "Until we stop encouraging science from feeding us their line of bull we can expect them to continue to think of man (men?) as intelligent rats." First, scientists in general and psychologists in particular do not think of man as nothing more than an intelligent rat. The reason why psychologists and other scientists study rats is because rats and men do have many things in common. For example, physiologists study the circulatory system of rats because its structure and function are very similar to the circulatory system of men. That is, blood flows in the arteries, capillaries, and veins of rats in the same manner as it flows in the same types of blood vessels in men. The same types of substances (e.g., oxygen, carbon dioxide, glucose, etc.) are carried in the blood of both rats and men. Although quantitatively different in structure, the heart of a rat and the heart of a man

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perform essentially the same function in the same manner; that is, pumping blood by muscle contraction. It also turns out that the circulatory system of a rat is susceptible to many of the same types of toxic substances and harmful environmental conditions to which the circulatory system of man is susceptible. These similarities between the circulatory systems of rats and men have allowed physiologists and other medical researchers to make innumerable important discoveries which have saved many human lives and prolonged countless others. Without the use of rats and other laboratory animals, this type of well controlled, scientific research could not and would not be carried out because it involves many types of procedures that would be considered immoral and/or unethical if they were carried out on human subjects (e.g., the purposeful exposure of laboratory animals to types of germs that are known to produce serious diseases so that the value of the administration of various types of drugs to cure these diseases can be determined). None of this research is, of course, done for the benefit of rats; it is done for the benefit of man. Psychologists study the behaviour of rats for the same types of reasons. The behaviour of rats and men are very similar in certain but, of course, not all respects. For example, the probability of certain types of responses of rats can be increased if a reinforcing (rewarding) stimulus, such as food if the rat is hungry, is presented to the rat contingent upon these responses. Similarly, the probabilities of certain types of human behavior can also be increased by the presence or decreased by the absence of certain types of reinforcing stimuli. Just how long do you feel most people in this country would continue to go to work if they were no longer paid to do so? My whole point is, of course, that scientists study animals such as rats in order to gain knowledge about man, but they realize full well that no one is ever going to totally understand certain aspects of man unless man himself is the subject of the research. Do psychologists study rats when they are interested in learning about language acquisition or complex problem solving? To my knowledge, no rat has ever uttered a prepositional phrase, solved an algebraic equation with three unknowns, or written a letter to the Carbon. Human beings are capable of these types of behaviors because their nervous systems are infinitely more complex than those of lower animals, and this infinite complexity is the puzzle that psychologist and other behavioral scientists are attempting to solve. The study of lower animals helps us to unravel some of the simpler knots, but it will be the study of no less than man himself that will enable us to understand ourselves. The idea of scientists advocating that men are nothing more than intelligent rats is about as valid as the transposition of that same statement: Rats are actually nothing more than stupid men.

The second reason why I found the last sentence of John's letter so disturbing was because two days before it appeared in the Carbon, John called me in order to ask me how a psychologist stood on such controversial issues as the nature of man, the scientist's interpretation of materialism, and the commonly held notion that scientists believe that man is nothing more than an intelligent rat. The information that I gave to him in reply to these questions was the same that I have just given to you in this letter. I have a feeling that John knew what he was going to put in his letter long before he called me.

So there you have my rebuttal to John Folklerth's letter. Although I suppose I should stop here - due to the rather excessive length of my letter already - I just can't help but rebut your letter also. I admire your rather skillful use of the techniques of guilt by association, discredit due to sarcasm, and name calling to discredit science, psychology, and me in your letter in last week's Carbon. I caught my first glimmer of your first technique (guilt by association) when you said: "I am certainly tempted to equate the two..." after you mentioned: "America is one of the most science-oriented nations in the world. It is also among the most materialistic." Two paragraphs later the association took an even more nefarious turn. Science was no longer equated with contemporary capitalist greed, but with fascist barbarism ("I can't help remembering that Nazi Germany really did happen.") and the futuristic horror of the dehumanization of the human race ("I can't help remembering the details of Brave New World"). I'll have to admit, if I didn't have the vaguest idea of what science was all about, I'd probably grab the first weapon that I could lay my hands on and set out to exterminate every scientist I could find.

If you feel that my letter to John was written in a sarcastic vein-and it can therefore be discredited as flippant sarcasm-I feel that you are dead wrong. I am only twenty-eight years old, I have ~~my~~ Ph.D. for a grand total of only twenty-six months, and I have been teaching for only twenty-eight months. For these reasons, I felt totally justified in telling John: "I must come to the rather painful conclusion that the content of your letter reflects more upon my inadequacy as a teacher than your understanding of the field of psychology." If I wrote this statement sarcastically, therefore implying that I am a perfect, and that anyone who doesn't know everything about the field of psychology after they take general psychology from me is either a fool or brain-damaged or both, then I might just as well quit the field of teaching right now. If I really felt this way, then I'd stop teaching tomorrow because it just wouldn't be a challenge anymore. I guess that the meaning of my statement can only be fully apprehended by people who have taught for awhile, and who have experienced both the joy of watching some of their students learn and the disappointment of seeing others fail to learn. I don't know if you will think that what I have to say next is sarcastic, but I really feel at least partially to blame whenever a former student of mine displays a misunderstanding or misconception concerning any material that I was responsible for teaching him. Perhaps I could have made my point more clearly if I had stated how disappointed I was that John had managed to pick up so many misconceptions about the field of psychology from my course.

As far as name calling is concerned, I was rather tempted to hum a bar of "Sticks and Stones Can Hurt My Bones" while I was reading your letter last week. After being directly labelled as "curt", "sarcastic", "thoughtless", a "Flat-earthier", and possessing "poor taste",

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and being indirectly described as an antihumanist, a Nazi, a supporter of Brave New World tactics, and a robber of individual dignity, what could I say? After I read your letter, I don't think I even liked myself for several hours.

So there you have it. I sincerely apologize for the length of my letter, but since one of your main objections to my first letter was that such a "curt" dismissal, in which I did not "pinpoint" my objections to John's letter, I feel that this much length was necessary so that I could be specific enough to overcome your objection. Although I can't say that I was overjoyed when I first read your letter last week, I can now sincerely say that I am grateful to you for writing it. It gave me both the motivation and the opportunity to sit down and formalize some of my thoughts on the issue that I have covered in this letter.

Drew Appleby

Having heard some criticism relative to the starting time of our homecoming game, I feel it is imperative to bring the student body up to date on a few facts about our arrangements at the Naval Armory. First, the Armory belongs to the federal government and not to Marian College or Commander Moorehead. The purpose of the site is to provide the reserve forces with training that is required for them to maintain their status as reserves. This being the case, they decide when they will use it and we must fit our schedule in the open spots. Last year we could not play games there on Tuesday or Thursday nights. This year we cannot play on any Saturday afternoon games. They did make an exception in allowing us to have our homecoming game at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16th. To do this they are going to have to release drills early. I do not feel it would be in the best interest of our future relations with them to ask any more exceptions, especially since they have been so cooperative in the past. Secondly, the administration has gone far out on a limb to provide our school with a better place to host a game than the Clare Hall Gymnasium. I feel it is a good decision and I hope we can all appreciate and enjoy the opportunity provided us by the many people who have worked so hard to advance our basketball program and the name of Marian College. Third, it has been my impression since being appointed to the staff of M.C. four years ago that the underlying motive behind all programs is the student. Having this serve as my guide I have invited and still invite the student body to view any of our practices and certainly hope that they will attend all of our games. If we do not have the interest of the student body perhaps we should move back into the Clare Hall site. The men on our team have worked extremely hard and are very good basketball players, I know they will appreciate your support.

If students have questions, criticisms, suggestions, etc. I would be more than happy to meet with individuals or groups to discuss the situations, again realizing that it is your school and your team. I am pleased to be involved with this group of people and proud to be associated with Marian College.

Ed Schilling

Basketball Coach

Dear Carbon

On Saturday, November 16th, the Marian College Booster Club will sponsor a Homecoming parade as part of the Homecoming week activities. We encourage all organizations to decorate a car, bicycle, etc; we also encourage any group of students (regardless of whether you belong to any club or not) to decorate cars. We also need people to dress as clowns or in any sort of costume to all color to the parade. Any individual or organization who are interested in participating in the parade should contact Debbie Lauer, Ext. 504, Kathy Harbor, Ext. 387, or Brigid Flannery Ext. 501, by October 27th. A homecoming parade has not taken place in a few years so we would, of course, like this year's parade to be a big success. It can only be a big success if all the students of Marian College participate in the crazy madness of Homecoming's Mardi Gras activities.

Your truly,

Homecoming Parade Committee

P.S. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated entries.

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As I was thinking on what to write about this week, the thought hit me, "Ask your loyal roommate", so I did. He had a very good idea and at this time I will do my best to relate it in my own words.

As fall is in full bloom and winter is just around the bend those of you who haven't been participating in intramurals, maybe you should think about it. And those of you who do play, please read the following.

Intramurals should be a way to get together in a friendly spirit and play sports. Even those of you who aren't sports minded, if you want to go ahead, no one will laugh. We're all in this together. Basketball is coming soon and so is co-ed volleyball, get a team up and enjoy falling on your ass. It's great fun.

Now for those of you who do play intramurals, I believe we should get together on a philosophy. Seems it's getting a little rough out there, so let's make up our minds on whether we are going to have fun or go out and kill. Let's compromise, and have some fun. The team I coach attempts this last philosophy but I'll admit we do sometimes get carried away. Let's try to be a little more cool, calm and collected on the playing surface. Some guys, like a certain red, sweat-panted player likes to kill on the field. This does inspire others to follow this animalistic attitude. Clean hitting is cool, but cheap shots are for bums.

Secondly, I think if a team enters in the league, why the hell don't they follow through with their commitment. This Sunday, as in four of the preceeding five, the ? team has forfeited. This finally kicks them out of the league. But is that fair for the other teams who have loyally showed up expecting a game, and experience the ultimate let down-forfeit.

Let's try to improve some during the rest of the football season and continue it into b-ball, volleyball and softball.

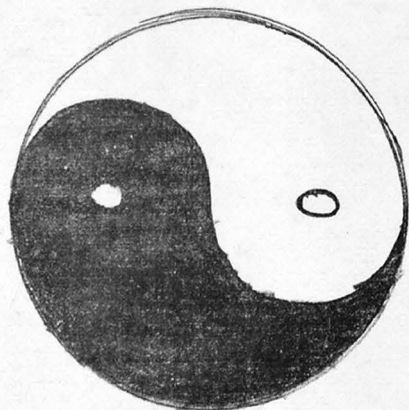
Your Friendly Jock---Mellow

Bob Bitchin' Says-
Can we do it better? or
Power in numbers

In reviewing my past experience with campus policy and the enforcement of these policies, I find great falacy in the relevance of these policies with respect to campus living. Perhaps the most ridiculous of these is that campus security and the enforcement thereof. This article is not directed toward any one person and is not meant to offend the related personnel of that department, but it seems to me that there is a great ambiguity as to the actual role of the security gaurd. It seems to me that the original role of the S.G. was to protect the campus and its holdings, the students, their

valueables and in general keep good order in the quaint Marian community. Having the realization that this may be too big a job for one person, it strikes me in an odd way that instead of carrying out these obvious jobs, the S.G. takes much time and effort writing out little pink slips (I'm sure many people have more than one with little or no intention of paying). Where has this campus officer been when off-campus strangers use the Dogle Hall showers, harass residents students, use all the hot water for the past three Sundays afternoons? Also, what about prowlers and peepers? Can the S.G. sufficiently scare these people into stopping (if he catches them in the act) by yelling HALT!! I seriously doubt it! I am also in doubt as to whether or not the S.G. could catch even an obese offender in a foot race. Now, all the students here know and love our S.G. (he's so nice) and he has done many good deeds (turning the head at the right moment) and I hope this continues (it seems to be the only "break" we can get). But please try to be more apt in the ways of an S.G. (we all know you're not Columbo) and protect the students.

More later,
BOB



Due to a flaw in the vote counting process, the freshman class had to re-elect their officers; hence, the original report was stricken from the Student Board minutes. Dave Vocke then reported that the new officers were:

Diane Stier-Pres.
Bob Malevin-V. Pres.
ELAINE ROHE - SEC.
PAULETTE SHAW - TREAS.
JOE COCHRAN - DAY STUDENT Rep.
Mark Trierwiler-Student Board Rep.

Student members to the Conduct Appeals Board were:

Mary Lou Ducate-Senior
Edward Klemen -Junior
Karole Armon -Soph.
Margie Bauer -At Large
Martin Day -Alternate

Agenda for this coming Sunday
Old Business

- 1- Vote on money motion concerned with buying an add in the basketball program
- 2- Discussion on a letter from Council to Student Services Committee re student opinion on the New Judicial system proposal.

Drum and Bugle Pumpkins are HERE !!!
Check out the display at Clare Hall Desk this weekend. Prices are:

Pumpkins are .75 to \$2.00
Gourds .10 to .25
Indian Corn 3 for \$1.00

Just can't beat them apples!!

If interested, check out display at 30th and Coldsprings or contact Rich Moon at the Corps Building.

Note: Drum Corps members signed up on weekends will begin Sat. at 10:00 a.m., check times at Corps building and be sure to have a replacement if you cannot work.

Applauds

- Luann's Something...??
- The way Don Johnson dislocated his shoulder (ask Theresa)
- The Play
- Schilling's New Decision

Hisses

- physics !!!
- Butler Fraternities
- "Turkey"
- The longest letter
- Laynor blowing 3 free games in pinball.
- Colds

Sports SHORTS

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FREE PRESS

Men's Intramurals

The game of the week turned out to be a better game than I, myself, had expected. I picked the Joses by 12, but I was proven wrong by a stubborn Ranger's squad. Doherty hit Kretschmann for a sixty yard touchdown to open the scoring. But the Joses were not to be had. The Joses scored three touchdowns in the remaining time, compared to the one, ten yard touchdown run of Doherty's for the only other Ranger's score. The Bad Joses scores came on a 45 yard touchdown pass to Bazeley; a touchdown pass of 12 yards to Vonderheide; and a Zidron gallop of 7 yards. The final tally was Bad Joses-18--Stoned Rangers-13. These two teams will meet again, later this season, and I'm not going to miss that one. Oh, speaking of missing, where were the Leftovers, Bootstrappers, and the Harvey Wallbangers? They sure weren't "there" on Sunday!

Women's Sports

As the final week before Championship play draws near, no particular upsets have occurred. The pre-season predictions of Schuck's Garden, Whatsitoya, and B.S. Bombers hanging on to undefeated records were correct.

It looks like the Pit and B.S. Bombers will meet once again and Schuck's Garden and Whataitoya will meet for a first. The winners of these games will eventually determine the Champs!

Some of this weeks highlights were: Amazons vs B.S. Bombers (I heard they gave you a real battle) Watters power serves, The Day Students Mighty Four, Whatsitoya outfits and the Goobers Organization.

Other than those specialities, the games went on as usual with standings to date:

League A	W.L.	League B	W.L.
1. B.S. Bombers	5-0	1- Schucks Garden	5-0
2. The Pit	5-1	1- Whatsitoya	5-0
3. Wazuri	3-2	2- Cool Ghouls	5-1
4. Goobers	3-2	3- Volley of the Dolls	3-3
4. Amazons	2-3	4- Bad Habits	2-4
5. The Fruits	2-3	4- Mass Mania	2-4
6. Day Students	1-4	5- Shoot the Shit	1-5
6. Tweed Hearts	1-4	6- Mom & the Kids	0-6
6. Pygmie Plus	1-4		

Special Note: To the Frosh team concerning last weeks article "you're young, you'll get over it" diz. That's all,

Starkie, Main, and Little Wap

BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION MEETING. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22. 11:30 A.M. ROOM 157

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27. BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION FIELD TRIP TO PINHOOK BOG. FRIDAY DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP. See BIOLOGY TEACHERS FOR MORE INFORMATION

MUG RACK "HAPPY HOUR" 4:30 p.m. - 8:00

STUDENT BOARD Meeting

SUNDAY, 7:30 p.m. SOCIAL COUNCIL ROOM

TV FOR SALE!! CONTACT MARC: EXT. 319

David Manning...

Hi, S's. What's the latest gain' around the convent



my son, do you know what you get when you cross Drew Appleby with John Folberth



An intelligent rat

No, what?



Tee-Hee-Hee